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ROADWATCH: Week of Oct. 10 - 16

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. New information is noted by "####". For statewide traffic information for major roadways, dial 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org.

INTERSTATE 81

* **INTERSTATE 81 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for pavement repairs and paving on northbound and southbound I-81 in Botetourt County between mile markers 151 and 156. Work will be performed during nighttime hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. In addition, guardrail work may cause shoulder closures during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. **On Thursday, Oct. 15 and Sunday, Oct. 18,** the ramp onto southbound I-81 at exit 156 will be closed to through traffic as part of the nighttime paving. Work will start around midnight and continuing until 5 a.m. the next morning. Emergency vehicles will be given access if needed. Motorists should watch for signs and use caution in the work zone. State Police will be on site to help maintain traffic.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for bridge patching on northbound and southbound I-81 at various locations between mile markers 150 in Botetourt County and 132 in Roanoke County. Work will be performed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Oct. 11, the I-81 bridge over Peak Creek will be inspected. The bridge is located at mile marker 96. The inspection will cause lane closures on northbound and southbound I-81 7 a.m. to noon.

* **INTERSTATE 81 DRAINAGE STRUCTURE CLEANING** – Weather permitting, crews will clean drainage structures along southbound I-81 between mile markers 105 and 130 in Montgomery County and along northbound and southbound I-81 in Botetourt County at marker 159.2 and between 162 and 174. Alternating shoulder closures may be in place during nighttime hours on weeknights.

ROANOKE

* **INTERSTATE 581 ROUTE 220 MOWING** – Weather permitting, watch for shoulder closures and equipment along I-581 and Route 220 Expressway during daylight hours on weekdays. Workers will be mowing.

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ROANOKE COUNTY

* **COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Work will include widening the travel lanes, adjusting curves, paving shoulders and constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Penn Forest Boulevard. Intersection upgrades will be performed at Vest Drive and Girard Drive. The bridge over Mudlick Creek will be replaced with a pipe culvert. Colonial Avenue is closed to through traffic between Route 1593 (Vest Drive) and Route 1620 (Hazel Drive) in southwest Roanoke County. In addition, the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) is closed. Wet weather and utility work delayed the reopening of Colonial Avenue earlier this summer. The same factors have again delayed the reopening of the road until mid-October. Signs are posted detouring traffic around the closure. Estimated completion is August 2010.

* **MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will mow various primary roads in Roanoke County. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays along the following routes:

- Route 311 (Thompson Memorial Drive) between Salem City limits and Route 419
- Route 311 between Route 419 and the Craig County line
- Route 117 (Peters Creek Road) between the Roanoke City limits and Williamson Road

* **ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* **ROUTE 1315 (BRIDLE LANE) UTILITY WORK** – Weather permitting, utility work will cause lane closures at locations on Route 1315 (Bridle Lane). Work may impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

* **ROUTE 1682 (SPRINGLAWN AVENUE) UTILITY WORK** – Weather permitting, watch for flaggers directing traffic on Route 1682 (Springlawn Avenue) between Route 613 (Merriman Road) and Route 907 (Ranchcrest Drive) during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **ROUTE 639 CULVERT INSTALLATION** – A portion of Route 639 (Harborwood Road) is closed near the intersection of Route 612 (Poor Mountain Road). Route 639 (Harborwood Road) will be closed in this area until mid-October while crews install a box culvert. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes around the closure. Route 639 is expected to reopen by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16.

BEDFORD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 43 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving on the section of Route 43 from Route 626 (Smith Mountain Lake Parkway) to Route 24 (Shingle Block Road) in the Huddleston area. Work will be performed during daytime hours. Traffic will be controlled with a pilot truck and flaggers. Motorist should watch for signs and use caution. Estimated completion is in October.

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* MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Weather permitting, crews will mow various routes in Bedford County. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays in these areas:

- Various secondary roads south of Route 460 in the Montvale and Jordantown areas
- Various roads in the New London, Body Camp and Big Island areas

*** ROUTE 221 WIDENING** – Work is underway to widen a 2.2-mile section of Route 221 from just west of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to east of Route 663 west of Forest. The speed limit is reduced to 35 mph in this area. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction. **Motorists should watch for flaggers, signs and new traffic patterns.** Periodic nighttime lane closures may occur at various locations, Sunday through Thursday, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Work on this project will continue into late 2009.

* PAVEMENT PATCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads in Bedford County. Watch for flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on the following roads:

- Route 644 (Coffee Road) from Route 660 (Old Farm Road) to Lynchburg
- Route 608 (Emmaus Church Road) and Route 749 (Meadow Spur Road)
- Various roads in the Irving and New London areas

*** SHOULDER WORK (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews may work on shoulders on various secondary roads in Bedford County. Watch for crews along the road. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on the following roads:

- Various roads in the New London area

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* ROUTE 220 SHOULDER WORK – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on weekdays during daylight hours on northbound and southbound Route 220 due to shoulder work at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

CARROLL COUNTY

*** INTERSTATE 77 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Work to paint lines on Interstate 77 in Carroll County may cause periodic mobile lane closures during daylight hours.

*** ROUTE 52 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER LITTLE REED ISLAND CREEK** – A section of Route 52 is closed to through traffic due to work to replace the Route 52 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek. The bridge is located two miles north of Hillsville. The bridge is expected to be closed until sometime in November. Detours signs are in place.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

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*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner’s Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner’s Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner’s Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

CRAIG COUNTY

*** ROUTE 691 WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will be working on the section of Route 691 that starts at its intersection with Route 311 and extends to the end of state maintenance. Flaggers may control traffic on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

*** ROUTE 122 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving on the section of Route 122 starting just north of Route 666 to the Bedford County line. Paving will be performed during nighttime hours, Sunday through Thursday, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Traffic will be controlled with a flaggers and pilot truck. Motorists should watch for signs and expect delays. Estimated completion is in October.

* ROUTE 122 & ROUTE 116 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS – Work is underway to improve the intersection of Route 122 and Route 116. Work will include the installation of a new traffic signal. Temporary lane closures may be in place at various locations in the work zone. Motorists should watch for signs and flaggers and use caution in the area. Estimated completion is November 2009.

* ROUTE 616 PAVING – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Thursday, Oct. 15 and Friday, Oct. 16, for paving on the section of Route 616 (Scruggs Road) between Route 122 and Route 834 (Brooks Mill Road). Work will be performed during daytime hours. Traffic will be controlled with a pilot truck and flaggers. State Police will be on site to direct traffic at the signal at the intersection of Route 122. Delays can be expected.

* ROUTE 634 BRIDGE REPAIRS OVER LYNVILLE CREEK – Work is underway to repair the bridge on Route 634 (Eton Road) over Lynville Creek east of Hardy Ford. Traffic will be controlled with a temporary signal, and vehicles wider than 9 feet will be prohibited. The speed limit will be 35 mph through the work zone. Motorists can expect delays and should use caution. Estimated completion is in December.

* PAVEMENT PATCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Crews will be patching or surface treating pavement between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Watch for flaggers directing traffic and lane closures on the following routes:

- Route 623 (Fairy Stone Park Road)
- Route 762 (Providence Church Road)
- Route 772 (Holley Ridge Road)
- Route 889 (Glade Creek Road)

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* **DITCH, DRAINAGE AND SHOULDER WORK (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be working on ditches, drainage structures or shoulders between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Watch for lane or shoulder closures on Route 671 (Golden View Road) or Route 903 (Peach Road).

* **ROUTE 602 (PIPE REPLACEMENT)** – Weather permitting, flaggers may direct traffic on Route 602 (Ferrum Mountain Road) at times between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays due to a pipe replacement.

* **ROUTE 682 IMPROVEMENTS** – Flaggers may direct traffic at times on Route 682 (Mountain Valley Road) due to road improvements. Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure. Drivers should also watch for flaggers on Route 682 at its intersection with Route 701.

* **ROUTE 650 RECONSTRUCTION** – Work is under way to reconstruct Route 650 (Irisburg Road) between Route 697 (Mitchell Road) and Route 625 (Poplar Fork Road). Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

GILES COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT REPAIRS** – A long-term lane closure will be put in place on eastbound Route 460 in Glen Lyn between Route 1308 (Houston Lane) and the West Virginia state line due to work to patch pavement. Weather permitting, the left lane of eastbound Route 460 will be closed starting the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 13 and will remain closed until the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 15.

* **ROUTE 460 PAVING** – Weather permitting, crews will pave on westbound Route 460 from Rich Creek to the West Virginia state line. Work may be performed Monday through Friday between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane. Drivers should watch for signs.

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* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Monday, Oct. 12, the Route 460 bridge over the East River will be inspected. The bridge is located at Glen Lyn. The inspection will cause lane closures on eastbound and westbound Route 460 from noon to 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, Oct. 13, the Route 460 bridge over Rich Creek will be inspected. The bridge is located near the Rich Creek community. The inspection will cause lane closures on northbound Route 460 eastbound and westbound Route 460 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Traffic has been switched onto a new section of roadway and drivers should expect possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

* **ROUTE 639 RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION** – A section of Route 639 (Mount Pleasant Road) in Montgomery County is closed. The 0.2-mile section of Route 639 is located just west of its intersection with Route 637 (Alleghany Springs Road). The road will be closed until late October, so a retaining wall can be constructed along Elliott Creek. Traffic is being detoured onto Route 638 (Georges Run Road) until the retaining wall is completed.

PATRICK COUNTY

* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

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